

**FRASER VALLEY RINGETTE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 3, 2005**

Executive Attendees: Tara Jackson, Lorraine Zimplemann, Carrie-Ann Mckibbon, Michelle Day, Paula Lock, Debbie Schwartz, Karen Gordon, Carter Haakeson, Trish Brown, Theresa Leslie.

General Membership Attendees: Karen Davis, Val Pospolita, Lois Miller, Karalee Emley, Darlene McCaw, Cindy Loftus, Julie Renkers, Adriana Haakenson, Rhonda Kozuska, Jasmine McGinn, Jeff Kozuska, Scott McKibbon, Leanne Fawcett, Annette Lebus, Mike Bellsmith, Wendy Ratel, Peter Krenus, Lisa Krenus, Dale Hannesson, Sue Creelman, Dave Ratel, Lorri Weatherston, Andy Plumridge, Tracy Toppings, Rick Vanier, Bentley Gordon, Christine Egger-Murray, Mitch Schwartz.

Meeting Called to order at 2:55pm.

Lorraine Zimplemann moved, Karen Davis second to adopt the agenda. Carried.

Julie Renkers moved, Leanne Fawcett second to adopt the minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting. Carried.

Business Arising From Previous Minutes

Nil

Correspondence

Nil

Presidents Report

It is my pleasure to be here today as President of FVRA. I would like to begin by thanking all the members of the executive for their hard work and dedication they have shown for the past season. The amount of time and commitment it takes to run an organization is endless and I extend my thanks to them for their efforts and achievements. I would also like to thank the bench staff of each team for there dedication and thanks to the parents for participating in their children's growth in our sport, and last but not least thank you to the players for their dedication, commitment, and love of Ringette, without all of their enthusiasm ringette in the Fraser Valley would not be as successful as it is.

This was my first year as President of FVRA and my second year on the board of directors, and I feel this was a positive year for our association. We grew about 10% from last season due to the great effort of our promotions committee. We displayed our newly purchased jerseys this season, which we had many compliments on. We also introduced our new website this year www.fvringette.com, a lot of work so far has gone into this project and there is a lot more work ahead of us to make the web site a good source of information for all members of the association and anyone new looking into the

sport so be patient and check the web site regularly for updates and changes. We are always looking of new ideas for the website so speak up if you feel that you have something to offer.

As discussed at the AGM last year, we are happy to say the executive was able to a look at the association paying for each team to enter their end of year tournament or provincials, and due to our successful fundraising were able to do this hopefully that helped everyone out.

Upcoming meetings are the:

BCRA AGM April 29 – May 1, 2005

LMRL AGM June 2, 2005

Congratulations to all of you this season for all of your success, and I hope to see each and every one of you back next season with a friend or two.

Vice Presidents Report

This year sure has been a different one for me, getting the chance to just sit back and watch. I've watched Tara accept the Presidency with ease as the season progressed, and it really hasn't been an easy one. I got to watch Fraser Valley grow a little more in numbers. I do have to say at the beginning it was difficult to say nothing and let Tara be President, but as time went on it got easier. I was still there for Tara to go FVRA meetings in Tara's absence, and help her with the odd questions. So I still felt a part of the association.

I hope everyone had a great season and have a great summer.

Secretary's Report

We are currently trying to get the minutes up and running on our website for everyone to see, hopefully we will have that started by next season. In the meantime if anyone wishes to see the minutes please feel free to let me know and I can e-mail you a copy.

Director of Coaching Report

The 2004- 2005 ringette season is coming to a close for the Fraser Valley Association. It has been a very good year with many great people stepping forward to volunteer to help out with the girls and our fabulous sport.

The start of the season was a little chaotic, with organizing the teams and the coaches, and of course myself being very green. But with the help of the executive and our president, Tara, we pulled it off. There are several things that I would like to improve upon and organize ahead of time for next season. One thing will be to have manuals for the coaches ahead of time containing vital information and forms. It will include such things as procedures to follow when canceling ice, mandatory background checks to be

completed right away and where to take them, equipment forms and codes of conduct for everyone involved in our sport.

This season I experienced a multitude of lessons. On a positive note, I got to witness and take care of so many really great people who volunteered so much of their time and effort for the sole benefit of the girls that play this sport. Many of these volunteers do not even have nay children involved but step up and coach anyway, some have several girls involved and are required to be in many places at once while still coaching a team, and one of our coaches even coached two teams because we needed help. I cannot say enough about these people and their efforts. Thank you so much.

On the not so positive side we had a couple of coaches suspended for their behavior on the bench, and some serious complaints about an aggressive parent by another coach. These incidents are small in comparison to the great things that have happened through the season, but also very important to be addressed. I am proud to say many great people rose above these challenges, to make this organization a better place.

For next season, I believe it is important that, with the executive, we have a game plan in place to address these situations that we have encountered, prior to their reoccurrence. One solution may be to have every player and parent and coach sign a code of conduct prior to the season, and if they refuse, then no play. This is something that we can discuss further, but I believe the sportsmanship of this game a high priority. Ringette is a wonderful sport. There is no other like it in the world, and I am proud to play, and be able volunteer and help out.

Director of Officials Report

Thank you to Kelly Hannesson and Brian Waddington who started the season off as director of officials. In January Tara took over for the rest of the season. She would like to thank the new referees Jillian Price and Stephanie Olson and also wants to thank our senior referees for taking good care of them.

Registrar reports

This year we had a total of 132 players registered (up nine from last year) in the following divisions: Bunnies 26, Novice 24, Petite 22, Tween 11, Junior 25, Belle 12, Open 11, Affiliate 1.

We had 68 players that registered early, only slightly more than half. I would like to encourage more families to take advantage of early registration as it not only saves them money but it also gives the association more time to work with team numbers before September. The early registration forms for the 2005/2006 season will be mailed out within the next month, if your address has changed since you last registered please let me know so that we can ensure you receive your forms. The registration forms are also available on our website if for some reason you did not receive yours. The first installment will be due June 1/05.

This was my fourth year acting as registrar. I have thoroughly enjoyed volunteering for the association and getting to work with so many fun, friendly and devoted people. As the position is up for renewal this year I am going to step aside to allow other interested individuals take on the duties.

Director of Promotions Report

This time of year is when my job starts to begin. We have the following functions coming up May Day Parade, May 23/05, Bring a friend April 29th at the sportsplex from 7:15-8:30pm, our mall display on August 27/05 and hopefully trying to put something together for Canada Day at the Langley airport. I would also like to thank Jasmine McGinn for all her help with the newsletters.

Equipment Managers Report

I've been the equipment manager for the past two years. The new jerseys the teams are wearing look great. I want to thank the players and parents for their cooperation in not wearing their game jerseys for practice. I am currently in the process of collecting all team jerseys and equipment.

Ways and Means Report

We are hoping this year to send out the forms for chocolate bar sales with early registration, so that parents can decide then if they would be selling their bars or paying the profit portion. By doing this earlier will help us order the chocolate bars much quicker so that we will be able to hand them out to players in September instead of October.

My position is up this year and I'm stepping aside, I'm more then willing to help out the next person whenever needed. I would also like to thank Liz Letourneau for all her help.

Ice Schedulers Report

We will have the same ice slots as last year. Fraser Valley will probably need more ice for next year; right now there is no ice available at any of the regular rinks. One option is to rent the N.T.R. and have the bunnies practice there. I will continue to look for ice in the off-season.

Treasures Report

This was my first year as Treasurer of Fraser Valley Ringette. Lois left behind a great paper trail and was a big help whenever I needed it.

Our financial situation is quite good this season. Everything we did this year was a success. In the past most of our Camps/Clinic have broken even. This season we came out ahead.

The Chocolate Bar Sales made a profit of \$ 6352.63, which allowed us to pay for all of our teams to go the provincials or for Bunnies and Novice a year-end tournament.

The Conditioning camp made a profit of \$ 1135.60. Because of this we are planning on going back to offering two sessions at different skill levels, yet to be decided.

Power Skating made a profit of \$1136.19. The group was a little large but with only one sheet of ice available we don't see any way of solving that problem.

The Burger night, though low on attendance, made a profit of \$1136.45.

Lastly the Bunny Tournament did very well, making a profit of \$2078.90, mostly thanks to the lovely Raffle Baskets. The tournament basically pays for itself and the profits made come from the Raffle Table and 50/50.

For a more detailed look at the books come and see me after the meeting.

Jasmine McGinn motioned, Karen Gordon second to adopt the year-end financial statements. Carried

Karen Davis motioned, Nancy second to approve the statement of operations. Carried

Jasmine McGinn motioned, Liz Letourneau second to approve the propose budget for 2005/2006 season. Carried

Old Business

Nil

New Business

Karen Davis nominated Lorraine Zimplemann, Scott Mckibbon nominated Carrie-Ann Mckibbon for Vice President, both accepted. Therefore a secret vote took place, the majority voted for Lorraine, Lorraine accepted. Carried.

Christine Murray nominated Lisa Krenus, Rhonda Kozuska nominated Jasmine McGinn and Karen Gordon nominated Carrie-Ann Mckibbon for Secretary, both Lisa and Rhonda accepted, Carrie-Ann declined. Therefore and secret vote took place, the majority voted for Lisa, Lisa accepted. Carried

Carter Haakenson nominated Scott Mckibbon for Director of Officials, Scott accepted. Carried.

Julie Renker nominated Christine Murray; Jasmine McGinn nominated Rhonda Kozuska and Scott Mckibbon nominated Karen Gordon for Registrar. Both Christine and Rhonda accepted and Karen declined. Therefore a secret vote took place, the majority voted for Rhonda, Rhonda accepted. Carried.

Leanne Fawcett nominated Christine Murray and Michelle Day nominated Karen Gordon for Equipment manager, both accepted. Therefore a secret vote took place, the majority voted for Karen, Karen accepted. Carried.

Rhonda Kozuska nominated Jasmine McGinn and Scott nominated Carrie-Ann Mckibbon for Ways and Means, both accepted. Therefore a secret vote took place, the majority voted for Jasmine, Jasmine accepted. Carried.

Christine Murray motions, Annette Lebus seconds to destroy secret ballots. Carried.

Rick motions to split the novice teams equal, instead of a high and a low. Val seconds. 8 for, 22 against, 6 abstained. Motion denied.

Leanne Fawcett brought up the idea of having a straight across the board evaluation for the whole association.

Tara motion and Lorraine second to add a new position to the Board of Directors of the Fraser Valley Ringette Association, Director of Player Development, which would consist of the following duties:

- Attend monthly executive meetings
- Coordinate and manage player development events, such as power skating, goalie clinics, conditioning camp etc, for FVRA members.
- To promote the events and ensure all member of FVRA are notified and given information on the events
- To monitor the events and ensure that the members of the association are getting the needs of our players met and that the instruction is suitable to the player's age, skating level and skill level.
- To report back to the board of directors on the progress and out come of these events.

Carried.

Michelle Day nominated Leanne Fawcett for Director of Player Development, Leanne accepted. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:46pm